THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) The Central Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism provides financial assistance to States for creation of tourism infrastructure on the basis of specific proposals received from the State Governments. The Ministry has not received any proposal from the Government of Andhra Pradesh of Central Financial assistance for development of tourism infrastructure at Kolleru Tank.

Starting of Vayudoot services

97. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Vayudoot propose to start its services to some more places during the current year; and

(b) if so, what are the names of these places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Vayudoot have plans to airlink Sagar in Madhya Pradesh, Rupsi in Assam, Faizabad in Uttar Pradesh, Rajouri and Jammu in Jammu and Kashmir during the current year, subject to the availability of aircraft capacity, development of infrastructure facilities and economic viabilty of operations.

Ban on the Production and Sale of the Estrogen Progesterone Drugs

98. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the recommendations of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICAR) to ban production & sale of estrogen progesterone (EP) drugs, no action has been taken so far to stop multi-production and dumping these drugs in Indian Markets;

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in banning the production & sale of these drugs: and

(c) by when these are likely to be banned?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (c) Government has prohibited manufacture and sale of "fixed dose" combination of Oestrogen and Progestins (other than Oral Contraceptives) containing per tablet 50 micrograms (equivalent to Ethenyl Estradiol) and Progestin content of more than 3 mg. (equivalent to Norethisterone Acetate) vide GSR No. 700-(E), dated 15-6-1988.

Free Foot-wear Scheme in Schools in Tamil Nadu

99. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of beneficiaries under the free foot-wear scheme in schools in Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether it is a fact that the said scheme is not being implemented in many districts in that State; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P SHAHI): (a) to (c) Information is being collected from the Government of Tamil Nadu.

Separate Express Roadways on National Highways

100. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a scheme to form a separate Express Roadways for the National Highways;

(b) what is the number of kilometres likely to be covered by this scheme; and

(c) whether this scheme would be introduced from Kanyakumari to Kashmir?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Convension of Madras Tirunewell Express into a Superfast Train

101. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether Government propose to convert Madras-Tirunelveli Express into a superfast train in view of the fact that Tirunelveli Express takes more than 15 hours to cover 620 kilometres in comparison to Pallavan and Vaigai Express which covers 470 kilometres from Madras to Madurai in seven hours?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): No, Sir.

Railway accidents

102. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 455 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th November, 1987 and State whether the reasons for rail accidents which took place in the country during the last three years were the failure of Mechanical devices or human errors?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): About 75 per cent of the accidents during the last three years were attributable to human failure which includes failure of persons other than Railway staff also. Failure of mechanical devices has accounted for about 13 per cent of the accidents.

Waiting room and refreshment at Tirunelveli Railway Station

103. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no second class waiting room for ladies and that refreshment etc. are also not available at Tirunelveli Railway Station in Tamilnadu; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take action to provide these facilities?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Waiting Rooms exclusively for use by ladies travelling on unreserved Second Class are not provided on Indian Railways. Those holding tickets for reserved accommodation can avail of the facility of upper class waiting room at Tirunelveli Station. As regards refreshments, two stalls, a light vegetarian refreshment stall and a combined fruit and vegetarian tea stall, are available.

(b) *As mentioned above, these facilities* are already available.

Provision of passenger facilities at the airports in the eastern region

104. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the responsibility for providing passenger facilities at the airports rests with the National Airports Authority; if so, whether medical, toilet, night landing facility and passenger facilities have been provided at Agartala, Aizwal, Imphal and other airports in the Eastern sector;

(b) whether Indian Airlines and Vayudoot officials have been repeat-